

**IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION
FALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007
Boise, Idaho
Hoff Building, 802 W. Bannock, Third floor Conference Room**

Members Present: Rayelle Anderson, Fran Dingel, Sonna Lynn Fernandez, Farhana Hibbert, Marilyn Hempleman, Linda Hurlbutt, Kathy Martin, Dawn Shepherd, Amy Taylor, Debra Wilson, Jeanne Wride, Kitty Kunz

The Idaho Women's Commission attended "Major Gifts: Finding the perfect donors who love your mission and stay with you for life" class sponsored by Benevon at BSU Student Union from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

We then proceeded to the Hoff Building for our meeting where box lunches were served. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fran Dingel at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the 2/28/07 minutes with minor changes passed with proper motions.

IWC Brochure: Kitty Kunz distributed the current brochure and asked that anyone with changes email her with the changes.

Grants applied for: Kitty applied for the Zions Bank Smart Women, Smart Money grant. We received a denial letter from them. She recently applied for the Idaho Law Foundation Grant (IOLTA), this grant is being reviewed. She will apply for grants from the Fund for Idaho, Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation and Community Outreach Grant by Board of Judges.

Kitty asked us to submit any Website updates to her. She is still missing a few bios.

Mentor/Mentee program update: Kitty reported on the meeting in Sandpoint with the Women in Business group. She and Rayelle spoke about the commission and presented the mentor program. It was well received and she collected 8 mentor's at the meeting. Discussion was held about the program and it was suggested by Kathy Martin that everyone check with their Small Business Development Centers to see if they are offering mentoring. Everyone should get back to Kitty as soon as possible. We need to put the information on our website.

We then discussed what to call the program. Several names and ideas came forward, including meeting Entrepreneurs Needs to Organize Resources and Idaho Women's Commission Business Mentoring Network.

Budget: Amanda Hammon from the Governor's office arrived. We tabled the discussion of the mentoring program to discuss the budget. Kitty told us of the letter she received from the Governor's office stating he would not sign our budget legislation. The letter requested that we find some other source of funding other than general funds. We then discussed whether to hold an "Idaho Women's Hall of Fame" Dinner in February. The consensus after the discussion was to not hold any fundraisers until we receive some direction from the Governor's office. At this time Fran and Kitty have been unable to meet with the Governor or his staff to receive any direction. The commissioners feel strongly that we are a state agency and our projects and commission should be covered with state funds.

Regional conferences, seminars, or roundtables: We then discussed the upcoming events.

Smart Money, Smart Women –

10/20-Coeur d'Alene - Kathy Martin, Dawn Shepherd and Rayelle Anderson will try to cover this one.

10/27-Pocatello - Farhana Hibbert, Jeanne Wride, and Kitty Kunz will cover this one.

11/1 – Boise – Linda Hurlbutt, Fran Dingel, Kitty Kunz, and Sonna Lynn Fernandez will cover this one.

Idaho Minority Summit – 10/10 – Boise – Farhana Hibbert and possibly Sonna Lynn Fernandez

Idaho Historical Society Luncheon – 10/9 –Boise – no one will attend this

Wiseup Program in regions – Kitty will resend the information on this program to see if anyone wants to schedule a regional class.

The February meeting was discussed. It was decided that the February 27th meeting should be a conference call. Sonna Lynn will check with ITD to see if we can use their facilities. We will not have a luncheon for legislators at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.